

have been preaching, but you know some people call anything preaching." I thought he was speaking ironically. This was in the year 1829. In this year the Guardian was first printed. I took the first number and continued taking it until the year 1833. My brother also took it. About this time Cobourg College was first started to which my brother and I gave \$10 each. The amount seems small, but in those days it was considered a big subscription for backwoods people.

He Joins the First Temperance Society Ever Formed in Nissouri and in Canada.

Mr. Whiting formed the first Temperance Society in the township. He drew up a constitution, the main article of which was what was afterwards called the "short-pledge," viz., to abstain from the use of ardent spirits ourselves and to use our influence with others for the same purpose. He asked me to join it. I hesitated at first, but after some consideration I concluded I would. But we were something like the blind man whom the Savior healed, who at first saw men as trees walking, we only had our eyes half opened. We found that nothing short of total abstinence would do and the total abstinence pledge soon followed. The members of our first society were Joseph Brown, sr., Nathan P. Allen, George and John Grout, Stephen Teeple, William and Thomas Uren, Robert Davis, Turneley May, my brother James and I. I have since learned that this was the first temperance society ever formed in Canada. The next was formed in the Township of

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